

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

**YAMADA, Youichi, et al.**

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For: **INFORMATION PROCESSING UNIT, INFORMATION PROCESSING  
METHOD, PROGRAM FOR THE SAME, RECORDING MEDIUM FOR  
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**RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**  
**DATED October 19, 2006**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Date: November 20, 2006

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated **October 19, 2006**.

In the Action, restriction is required between Group (I), Claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 16, 19, 22, and 24-29; and Group (II), Claims 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 17, 20, and 23.

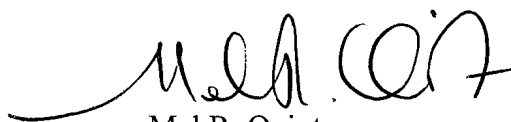
Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group (I), Claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 16, 19, 22, and 24-29 for prosecution in this application. This election is made without traverse, it being understood that the applicants' rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 USC 120 and 35 USC 121 are retained.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

In the event any additional fees are required in connection with this response, please  
charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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